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In re Application of)
Lizardi) Art Unit: 1637
Application No. 09/855,170) Examiner: Alexander H. Spiegler
Filing Date: May 14, 2001) Confirmation No. 8924
For: ARTIFICIAL LONG TERMINAL)
REPEAT VECTORS)

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed September 17, 2004, please consider the following remarks.

Remarks

Response to Restriction Requirement

1. In the Office Action mailed September 17, 2004, the claims were divided into two groups, Group I, claims 26-44, drawn to a method of amplifying a target nucleic acid sequence by amplifying a long terminal repeat vector; Group II, claims 45-47, drawn to kits.

In response, applicants elect Group II, claims 45-47, with traverse.